

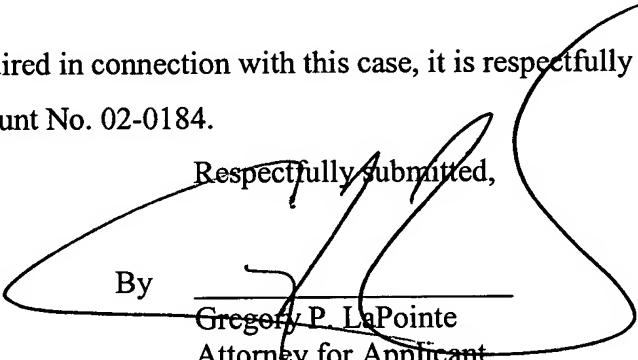
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The instant application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/943,328 filed August 29, 2001. A substitute specification is being filed in order to conform with U.S. practice. Paragraph numbers and a cross-reference to the parent application have been added to the specification. The substitute specification contains no new matter. Claims 1-11 which were allowed in the parent application have been cancelled. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

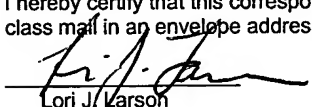
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